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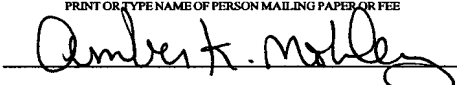
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RESPONSE

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed 28 June 2005. Claims 1-6, 8-11 and 32-40 are pending in the Application. The Office rejects Claims 10-11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Korpman (U.S. Patent 4,318,408). The Office rejects Claims 1-6, 8-11, 23-33 and 36-40 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious in view of Korpman. The Office objects to Claims 34-35 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would allow them if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of Claims 1-6, 8-11, 23-33 and 36-40 and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the amendment and remarks contained in this paper. Applicant also respectfully requests allowance of Claims 1 – 6, 8 – 11, and 23-40 at an early date.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.